

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You know, that's why the public is paying for it essentially, or the gas tax.

SENATOR WARNER: But I just wondered if it's something you could chuck later but I just wondered if that fund should be terminated or sunset for that purpose in 1998 as well or what, who does become responsible for those kind of sites after this sunset. I assume we'll change the sunset a half a dozen times between now and 1998 anyway, but so it probably doesn't make a lot of difference.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well I don't think you'll change it in our committee, Senator, unless the membership of the committee changes.

SENATOR WARNER: But I'd appreciate knowing what happens under those circumstances later.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, let me check on that to be sure we're not overlooking an aspect of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senators Warner and Beutler. Senator Bromm, more discussion on the committee amendments?

SENATOR BROMM: Just a short comment, Mr. Speaker. Senator Warner, December 1998 is tied in with the...that is the deadline for all station operators and petroleum marketers to upgrade their tanks no matter what size of operation they have. They have to meet certain underground tank requirements so if it hasn't been excavated or dug or checked prior to that, I mean by that time hopefully all the, most of the operating leaky tank problems will be discovered so that's why the 1998 date seems to have some relevance and probably why that date was chosen more than any other, but beyond that time you know I'm not sure what would happen other than the property owner would have a problem, unless this body, as you say, extends it again. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Any other discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, did you wish to close on the committee amendments? He waives closing. We will now vote on the committee amendments to LB 237. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 237. Have you